

1 Q What was Mr. Vandergucht's condition when
2 you did the two taps in October of '81?

3 A He deteriorated considerably. In fact, his
4 weight on admission was in the 198 range reflecting
5 all of the fluid he accumulated. And after the tap,
6 within a matter of a few hours, his weight dropped to
7 186.

8 Q That weight loss was attributed to your
9 tapping of fluid?

10 A That is correct.

11 Q What about his ability to breathe?

12 A Until the fluid is tapped, he has very much
13 difficulty breathing, and once it is tapped, he is
14 given a period of time where he is more comfortable
15 and he can breathe more easily.

16 Q In addition to that, what was Mr.
17 Vandergucht's appetite like in September, October of
18 1981?

19 A Generally diminished.

20 Q Now, after -- you indicated that the LeVein
21 shunt became blocked; is that correct?